

LLOYD-GEORGE TO HELP SOLVE IRISH QUESTION, ASQUITH AVERS

Minister of Munitions Engages
in Conference With Erin's
Leaders; Parliament Circles
Hopeful.

ALL FACTIONS ARE NOW IN ACCORD

Premier's Earnest Plea for
Settlement Brings About
Harmony in House of Com-
mons.

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)
London, May 25.—The house of
commons has rarely seen a demon-
stration of greater unity than was
displayed this afternoon when the
leaders of all factions flocked to the
standard of the prime minister in an
effort to achieve a lasting settlement
of the Irish question.

This was the more remarkable be-
cause a heated and acrimonious de-
bate had been predicted, would fol-
low Premier Asquith's expected state-
ment regarding the situation and the
government's proposal for a solution
of the problem.

Mr. Asquith's speech took an unex-
pected turn, for instead of giving de-
tails he made an earnest plea for the
settlement of the Irish question by
agreement among the contending par-
ties in Ireland and announced that
David Lloyd-George had undertaken
the delicate task of bringing the hos-
tile factions together.

The premier concluded with an ap-
peal that for a time all debate on
this question, both in the house of com-
mons and outside be suspended, in
view of the adverse effect such argu-
ment might have on the difficult un-
derstanding facing the government.

Arch-enemies Agree.

The premier's speech was heard
with intense interest by the members
and he had scarcely resumed his seat
when John Redmond, the nationalist
leader, rose and announced in the
premier's request, adding in a voice
filled with emotion, his ardent desire
for a solution of the difficulties of
his country.

Mr. Redmond was quickly followed
by his political arch-enemy, Sir Ed-
ward Carson, who tendered his sup-
port to the proposition and by the
independent Irish leader, William
O'Brien, who did likewise. The
speeches effectively obliterated party
lines for the moment and those mem-
bers who had come prepared to at-
tack the government fell in with the
leaders, and the question was drop-
ped.

David Lloyd-George, stepping
temporarily from the ministry of
munitions to a sort of
round table conference to settle the
Irish difficulty, is a striking illustra-
tion of how at all the great crises and
emergencies during the war this
statesman has come to the front as a
strong man and saviour of the coun-
try. In the early days of the war he
gained an enviable reputation in the
eyes of the men of all parties for his
capable handling of the nation's fi-
nances, and then came to the rescue
in the military emergency as head of
the ministry of munitions to provide
the army with shells.

Lately, it was undoubtedly his
forceful personality which converted
the country, in the face of the strong-
est opposition, to universal military
service. Now he steps into the breach
to solve one of the most difficult po-
litical problems ever presented to
British statesmen—to reconcile the
apparently irreconcilable sections of
the Irish people and establish home
rule in Ireland. How Mr. Lloyd-
George will be able to arrange a for-
mal conference, exactly what shape
the conference will take, is still un-
known.

He has been engaged for some days
in informal talks preparatory to such
a conference, and it is understood that
besides John Redmond, the Irish na-
tionalist leader, and Sir Edward Car-
son, the Ulster leader, the conference
will include Herbert Samuel, the
home secretary, who had much to do
with framing the finance clauses of
the home rule act. Other names
mentioned are John Dillon and Joseph
Devlin.

It is asserted the proceed-
ings of the conference will be quite
confidential and that the place of the
meeting will be Mr. Lloyd-George's

THE DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE.

Resumed debate on rivers and har-
bor appropriation bill.
Ship purchase bill referred to sub-
committee of commerce committee.
Recessed at 5:05 p. m. to 11 a. m.
Friday.

HOUSE.

Adopted joint resolution making
minimum speed of fleet of submarines
authorized last year nineteen knots an
hour.
Republican members of naval com-
mittee submitted minority report at-
tacking pending naval bill.
Adjourned 5:59 p. m. to 11 a. m.
Friday.

THE WEATHER

THE WEATHER FORECAST.
Denver, Colo., May 25.—New Mex-
ico: Friday generally fair, cooler cen-
tral and east portion; Saturday fair.

private room at the ministry of munitions
in Whitehall.
In the parliamentary lobby today
a feeling of optimism prevailed that
the circumstances under which the
parties are being called together offer
a fair chance of settlement.

CLAIM LORD ROBERTS FORESAW WAR IN 1911

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)
Berlin, May 25.—(By Wireless to Say-
ville.)—The late Lord Roberts was
convinced as far back as 1911 that
England and France would soon be at
war with Germany, according to a
statement attributed by the Nord-
deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung to Gen-
eral Townshend, the British com-
mander at Kut-el-Amara, who is now a
prisoner of the Turks.

According to a consular report
from Johannesburg on July 15, 1911,
General Townshend, who was then
commander of the Orange Free State
district, held a conversation, the
newspaper states, with a German
financier, Herr von H—, whom he
first mistook for a Boer, in which the
general said that a few days before
leaving England he had visited Lord
Roberts, who had declared that during
the current year, or at the latest
during the next year, Germany and
France would be at war and that
England would side with France; that
the whole plan of war in all its de-
tails, was discussed between France
and England, and that England would
rush 120,000 troops into the district
of the trouble.

TWO HUNDRED ARE CALLED IN TRIAL OF YOUNG ORPET

Parents of Dead Girl and
Those of Alleged Slayer
Subpoenaed by Defense and
State, Respectively.

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)
Waukegan, Ill., May 25.—Mr. and
Mrs. E. O. Orpet, parents of Will H.
Orpet, university student on trial
charged with the murder of Marion
Lambert, a former sweetheart, and
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lambert, par-
ents of the dead girl, have been sub-
poenaed as witnesses, respectively, by
the state and the defense, it was re-
vealed at the trial today. About 200
persons in all have been subpoenaed.
The state in its subpoena ordered
the Orpets to bring into court all cor-
respondence received by them from their
son which had been mailed at
Madison, Wis., between November 1,
1915, and February 11, 1916, and par-
ticularly a special delivery letter re-
ceived by them February 9, 10 or 11,
1916. This last letter is said to con-
tain information highly desirable by
the prosecution.

Through the Lambert's defense will
endeavor to prove that Marion was
in a nervous condition a few days
before she was found dead. The Lam-
bert family history will also be gone
into, it was said, to show if there is
any possibility of a strain of suicide
mania.

Progress in the selection of a jury
from among the business men of
Waukegan and Lake Forest fared no
better than it has during the week
from among Lake county farmers. Of
five veniremen accepted by both sides
today, three were excused on peremp-
tory challenges by the defense and two
by the state. One of them was Theo-
dore H. Duret, president of the Se-
curity Savings bank of Waukegan,
and another J. P. Bidinger, former
mayor of Waukegan.

When court adjourned two addi-
tional men had been tentatively ac-
cepted.

Two of the twenty peremptory chal-
lenges allowed each side have been
used. But four jurors have been
sworn in.

HEARINGS ON SHIPPING BILL DUE NEXT WEEK

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)
Washington, May 25.—Hearings on
the administration shipping bill will
be held next week by a sub-committee
appointed today by the senate com-
merce committee, consisting of Sen-
ators Simmons, Fletcher, Bankhead,
Jones and Lippitt.

The first hearing will be held Mon-
day morning and by means of day and
night sessions it is hoped to conclude
in two or three days. Only those will
be heard who request the privilege of
testifying and who did not appear at
the house hearings. Senator Simmons
said tonight the sub-committee had
no intention of calling any witnesses.
Administration leaders claim the
bill will ultimately go through the
senate practically as passed by the
house. They count on the support of
Senators Bankhead, Hardwick and
Hitchcock, three of the seven dem-
ocrats who blocked the passage of a
similar measure last session.

Land Grant Bill Passes House.

Washington, May 25.—The Oregon
and California land grant bill, desig-
ned to restore to the federal govern-
ment about 3,200,000 acres of land
valued at about \$20,000,000, passed
the house without substantial amend-
ment today by a vote of 186 to 6. It
now goes to the senate.

GERMANS SEIZE FOES' TRENCHES AROUND VERDUN AT GREAT COST

Withering Fire of French Re-
peatedly Mows Down At-
tackers, Who Finally Se-
cure Foothold.

ITALIANS NOW HOLD AUSTRIANS IN CHECK

Bombardment of Dual Mon-
archy's Forces Being Met
Shot for Shot; Turks Claim
Victory.

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)
The battle of Verdun continues un-
abated. On both sides of the Meuse
river northeast and northwest of the
fortress, the Germans are keeping up
their unprecedented bombardments
and victorious infantry attacks, while
the French are replying to the Ger-
mans virtually shot for shot, and un-
der a withering fire holding the Ger-
mans at almost every point.

One more gain, however, has been
made by the Germans. After cap-
turing Fort Douaumont and taking
trenches south and southwest of the
fort, the Germans to the west have oc-
cupied a section of French trenches
after a series of attacks, in all of
which they were attacked with heavy
casualties except the one where they
penetrated the French lines.

Artillery Fire Increased.

Around Douaumont a heavy artil-
lery duel is in progress, and north-
west of Verdun the Germans have
increased their artillery fire against
the French on hill 304, probably pre-
paratory to another infantry attack
for possession of this much-fought-
for vantage point.

A German attack against the Rus-
sians west of Dailin Island gave them
momentarily the possession of a
Russian advanced trench, a counter-
attack by the Russians dislodging the
invaders.

Germans Repulsed.

An attempt by the Germans to ad-
vance against the Russians north of
Olyka station, southeast of Lutsk, was
repulsed by the Russians.

In the region southeast of Trent
and across the border in Italy, Rome
reports the repulse of Austrian at-
tacks and the throwing back of the
attackers in disorder. In the Astico-
Posonia region, the Italians are re-
plying effectively to the bombardment
of the Austrians. In the Asiago-Sugano
valley district, the situation is un-
changed.

Petrograd reports a junction of
Russian troops with the British forces
in the region of Kut-el-Amara. The
Russians came from the region of
Kermanshah and Kasr-I-Shirin, in
Persia, northeast of Baghdad. This an-
nouncement probably refers to the
force of Cossacks which was officially
reported several days ago from Lon-
don to have joined the British.

Turks Check Russians.

In connection with the fighting on
the Persian front, Constantinople says
the Turks have stopped the advance
of the Russians in the region of Kasr-
I-Shirin and also defeated Russian
detachments at Sulamish, northeast
of Kasr-I-Shirin.

Unofficial advices from Athens
say that a heavy bombardment and
infantry actions have taken place
from Doiran to Gjevgjeli, on the Mac-
cedonian front, and that the entente
allies have dropped bombs on several
towns in Serbia held by the Teutonic
allies.

Brandeis Action Postponed.

Washington, May 25.—By unani-
mous consent action on the nomina-
tion of Louis D. Brandeis to the su-
preme court was postponed by the
senate today at its executive session.
Senators opposed to confirmation de-
sired additional time in which to de-
termine on their course. With the
understanding that opposition sena-
tors soon would reach a decision, and
with the hope that the brief post-
ponement might result in an immedi-
ate vote on confirmation without de-
bate either in executive or open ses-
sion, friends of Mr. Brandeis con-
sented to the matter going over until
tomorrow.

Army Bill Agreed Upon.

Washington, May 25.—The army
appropriation bill, carrying \$145,000,
and including provision for carry-
ing out the Hay-Chamberlain reor-
ganization bill, was agreed to today
by the house military committee. The
bill includes information for co-ordi-
nation of industries and resources in
war time.

French Drop Bombs.

Paris, May 25.—French aeroplanes,
operating from the lines of the en-
tente allies south of the Macedonian
border, dropped bombs yesterday
morning on Xanthi, Veles and Uskup,
Serbia, inflicting considerable dam-
age, according to a Havas dispatch
from Athens.

British Steamship Sunk.

London, May 25.—The British
steamship Washington of 5,980 tons
gross, has been sunk by a submarine,
according to an announcement made
today at Lloyd's shipping agency.

THREE PREPAREDNESS MEASURES ADVANCED

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)
Washington, May 25.—All three of
the administration's big preparedness
measures moved forward a step to-
ward enactment today.

The army appropriation bill, carry-
ing \$150,000,000, was agreed upon by
the house military committee; dem-
ocratic leaders of the house prepared
a special rule under which the naval
appropriation bill will be taken up in
the house Monday or Tuesday to be
voted on not later than Friday after-
noon at 4 o'clock, and the Hay-Cham-
berlain army reorganization bill al-
ready passed by both houses of con-
gress, was sent to President Wilson
for his signature.

Secretary Baker now is going over
the reorganization bill, and as soon as
he makes a report the president is
expected to sign it.

General debate on the naval bill
will be limited to eight hours or less
in the special rule to be presented to
the house, but the entire measure
will be read and amendments may be
offered at any time. The republicans
will make a fight for a larger building
program, in accordance with their
minority report submitted today. The
democratic leaders are confident,
however, that the bill with its pro-
gram, including provision for five
great battle cruisers, will be passed
by a substantial majority.

FINES FIST FIGHTERS BUT COMMENDS THEM

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)
Baton Rouge, La., May 25.—Adj-
utant General McNeese and A. D. Ste-
wart, a prominent New Orleans hotel
man, each paid a \$150 fine in city
court today for their prearranged fist
fight on the capitol lawn which they
designated as "an affair of honor."

Judge Odom in imposing the fines,
said:

"Personally, I approve of this
method of settling a difficulty be-
tween gentlemen, but it is against the
law and I will have to fine you."

Bombardment in Macedonia.

Paris, May 25.—Reports that were
received from Saloniki by the Havas
correspondent at Athens yesterday,
are that a violent bombardment in
the sector from Doiran to Gjevgjeli,
on the Macedonian front, has been ac-
companied by infantry actions and
wounded are being brought in from
the front by Red Cross automobiles.

MEXICAN CHIEFS CONFER ABOUT YAQUI CAMPAIGN

Calles and Estrada Meet at
Agua Prieta; Will Garrison
Towns and Use Cavalry Pa-
trols.

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)
Douglas, Ariz., May 25.—At a con-
ference held in Agua Prieta today be-
tween General P. Elias Calles, com-
mander-in-chief of the Sonora army,
and General Rafael Estrada, com-
mander of troops engaged in the
campaign against the Yaqui Indians,
tentative plans of campaign were de-
vised on and many of the details set-
tled.

Pursuant to the recommendation of
General Estrada it was decided to
garrison all of the towns of the state
and to use large cavalry forces to pa-
trol all roads and trails and run down
the Indians. As there is not suffi-
cient cavalry in Sonora, it was decid-
ed to bring enough from Simlaio to
bring the patrol force up to 1,800 or
2,000. It is conservatively estimated
that there are no more than 800 Ya-
quis in the field.

Additional confirmation was ob-
tained today to the rumor that the
Yaquis have established themselves
in force in the Sonora river district,
their headquarters being Sierra
Aconchi, ninety miles south of Cana-
anea. Two bands of warriors, total-
ing about 150, were seen on the road
to this new stronghold, while several
other bands are reported to have been
trailed in that direction. General Es-
trada says he is fully informed of
these movements and has moved his
troops to checkmate them.

As a result of the northward move-
ment of the Yaquis the towns in the
Sonora river district are filled with
refugees and it is reported that num-
bers of refugees have reached Cananea
and will make their way out to the
border. While the larger towns of
this fertile valley have garrisons, there
are many small villages and outlying
mining camps and ranches which
could be raided. An unconfirmed ru-
mor says that several raids of this
character have been made.

TEN REPORTED TO BE KILLED IN STORM

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)
Fargo, N. D., May 25.—Uncon-
firmed reports received here tonight
over shaky telegraph wires say ten
persons had been killed at Rogers, S. D.,
in the storm which swept south-
eastern North Dakota early today.

Rogers was cut completely off from
the outside world, all telephone and
telegraph wires being down.

Greek Ship Reported Torpedoed.

Athens, Greece, May 25 (via Paris).
—Public opinion in Greece has been
greatly excited by the news that Teu-
tonic submarines have torpedoed the
Greek steamships Adamantios Korais
and Anastasios Corones, and the
Greek ship Ithra.

116 GUARDSMEN OF LONE STAR STATE TO FACE COURT MARTIAL

Charges of Failure to Answer
Country's Call Will Be Pre-
ferred Against Texas Mil-
itiamen.

WILL BE TRIED UNDER DICK LAW

President Himself to Appoint
Judges; No Steps Taken
as Yet Involving New Mex-
ico Boys.

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)
Washington, May 25.—One hun-
dred and sixteen Texas national
guardsmen who have failed to re-
spond to the call for service on the
Mexican border will be tried by court
martial by order of President Wilson.

The offense for which they will be
tried may be punished by fines or im-
prisonment as the court martial may
direct with the approval of the presi-
dent.

Wilson to Appoint Court.

Secretary Baker announced today
that the guardsmen would be tried
promptly under the Dick law, revers-
ing a previous decision to delay action
in order to deal with the cases under
the new Hay-Chamberlain army reor-
ganization bill. The president him-
self will appoint the court martial,
and Major General Funston has been
instructed to recommend its members,
a majority of whom must be officers
of the Texas national guard.

So far no steps have been taken to- ward prosecuting New Mexico and Arizona guardsmen, who, like the Texans, have failed to "present them- selves for muster." A further report from General Funston regarding them is awaited.

Baker Makes Statement.

Secretary Baker tonight issued the
following statement explaining the
action of the war department:

"One hundred and sixteen members
of the Texas national guard are re-
ported to have failed to present them-
selves for muster when called
upon by the president. Under the
Dick bill they would be guilty of fail-
ure to present themselves for muster."

"When the pending legislation is
approved and the militia of the states
is reorganized and federalized there-
after, the obligation of the enlisted
men of the national guard will be to
preserve the constitutions of the United
States and their respective states
and obey lawful orders of the presi-
dent and the governors of their re-
spective states. Thereafter, when the
president issues a call to the national
guard, the call will be of his own force,
muster each member of the national
guard into the federal service, and
it will not longer be necessary for
the men to 'present' themselves for
muster."

Dick Bill Not Superseded.

"The offense denounced by the Dick
bill, therefore, will be impossible as
it will not be required that the men
should 'present' themselves for muster."
The Dick bill not being repealed
expressly remains in force. The 116
men in question having taken an oath
to preserve the constitution of the
United States and obey the lawful or-
ders of the governor of Texas, and
not having yet taken an oath to obey
the president as commander-in-chief,
must still present themselves for
muster. They are capable, therefore,
of committing the offense in the Dick
bill and are, therefore, liable to pun-
ishment.

"I have decided to have the court
martial assemble by command of the
president and have asked General
Funston to recommend the members
thereof. While I shall not prescribe,
I shall be inclined to recommend that
the proceedings be abated in cases
where the men are willing to take the
oath."

OFFICER OF REGULAR ARMY IN MILITIA

San Antonio, Tex., May 25.—Capt.
John D. Long of the Third United
States cavalry, has been placed in the
command of the squadron of Texas
cavalry now encamped here, with
rank of major. Captain Long is the
first officer of the regular army to
be given permission by the war de-
partment to accept a commission in
the militia.

Makes 225-Mile Flight.

Washington, May 25.—Victor Car-
lstrom, bearing a message from the
Aero Club of America to President
Wilson and carrying Alan R. Howley,
president of the club, as a passenger,
flew from New York to this city to-
day, 225 miles, in three hours and
seven minutes. The aeroplane used
will be shipped to New Mexico Sat-
urday for use of the national guard in
patrolling the border.

Posses Sock Slayer.

Trinidad, Colo., May 25.—Posses to-
day were searching for the slayer of
Thomas Cardenas, a wealthy rancher
in northwestern Las Animas county,
who was shot yesterday as he emerg-
ed from his home. According to au-
thorities, Cardenas received an anon-
ymous letter two months ago threat-
ening him because he testified in a
certain trial, and on May 8 a similar
letter was received.

BACKWARD GUARDSMEN MAY BE COURT-MARTIALED

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)
San Antonio, Tex., May 25.—Trial
by court-martial of the Texas militiamen
who failed to "present" them-
selves for muster when called for ser-
vice with the regular army on the
border, may result in similar proceed-
ings in Arizona and New Mexico. It
was indicated at General Funston's
headquarters today the militia organi-
zations in those states were far more
demoralized than in Texas.

The fact that only a few more than
one hundred failed in Texas when the
call came was regarded by officers
here as indicating the high morale of
Texas guardsmen, but in Arizona only
five officers and seventy men have
been sworn into the regular service.
The situation in New Mexico was re-
ported to be somewhat better.

MEXICANS PHOTOGRAPH PROJECT AT YUMA

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)
Yuma, Ariz., May 25.—Three Mexi-
cans, taken before military authorities
when they were found making pho-
tographs of the army camp and the
Yuma irrigation system, identified
themselves as a commission appointed
by Adolfo de la Huerta, governor of
Sonora, Mexico, to investigate irri-
gation, it was learned today.

G. Corella, chairman, said the com-
mission was studying a plan to irri-
gate 150,000 acres of land in Sonora
by extending the system from the
Yuma project.

Railroad Counsel Appointed.

Denver, May 25.—Henry McAl-
ister, Jr., today was appointed coun-
sel of the Denver and Rio Grande
railroad, succeeding the late Joel P.
Vaile.

CHOKED GIRL FOR BREAKING 'DATE,' YOUTH CONFESSES

"She Laughed at Me; I Want-
ed to Get That Laugh Off
Her Face," Says Young
Man in Jail.

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)
Aurora, Ill., May 25.—Paul Ver-
hoeye, alias Armstrong, the nineteen-
year-old boy, was held on a charge
of murdering Gwendolyn Holton,
fifteen-year-old daughter of Mrs.
Anna Collins, a rooming-house keeper
today.

"I killed her. I choked her to
death," testified Verhoeye, at the in-
quest, and he was dismissed after a
few routine questions. He went into
greater detail in confession to the po-
lice.

"I had a date with her," he said,
"but she wanted to break it to go
with another fellow. She laughed at
me, and before I knew it, my hands
were around her throat. I wanted to
choke that laugh off her face. She
became unconscious, but still
breathed. I waited a while, and by
and by she quit breathing. Then I
thought I would commit suicide."

"I went to a doctor and asked him
how much chloroform it would take
to kill a dog. He said four ounces
and I got a prescription for that
much. Then I went back to the house
and put it in a cup."

"I tasted it. It tasted sweet. Then
I got cold feet and left the house.
I went to a saloon and took a beer to
wash out the taste of the poison.
Then I went and watched some men
fishing; after that home."

The murder occurred yesterday.
The body was found late at night and
news of the crime became public to-
day with Verhoeye's confession.

Gwendolyn was a daughter of Mrs.
Collins by a former marriage.

Women to Erect Building.

Santa Fe, May 25.—Authority to
purchase a site for a Woman's club
building was given at the annual
meeting of the Santa Fe Woman's
club. The site most favored is oppo-
site the public library of the Woman's
Board of Trade on Washington ave-
nue, near Palace avenue. Sweeping
changes in its constitution were voted
by the club. Officers elected for the
ensuing year are: Mrs. Jacob Weik-
man, president; Mrs. B. Z. McCol-
lough, vice president; Mrs. Ira L.
Grimshaw, secretary, and Mrs. Austin
C. Brady, treasurer. The club was ad-
dressed by Rev. R. Z. McCollough on
behalf of the Y. W. C. A. and by
Miss Lillian Walker on behalf of
suffrage.

Carnival in Silver City.

Silver City, N. M., May 25.—This is
carnival week in Silver City, a big
carnival company showing here un-
der the auspices of the Elks' lodge.
Despite the fact that many of the
young men are with the troops at Co-
lumbus, the event is proving success-
ful. The percentage of proceeds re-
ceived by the Elks will go into its
club house building fund, and it is
confidently expected that the club
house will be built this year.

May Name President Pro Tem.

Santo Domingo, Dominican Repub-
lic, May 25.—The senate today passed
on first reading the bill for the ap-
pointment of a provisional president.
Rear Admiral Caperton, commanding
the American forces in Santo Dom-
ingo, requested the senate to refrain
from naming a president until peace
is restored. A general disarmament
is being effected.

WAITE REVEALS SINS OF YOUTH TO SHOW STRAIN OF ABNORMALITY

Dentist Charged With Mur-
der of His Father-in-law
Blushes as He Recounts Se-
ries of Thefts.

PILFERED \$10 FROM MOTHER OF SWEETHEART

Prisoner Says He Was Cruel
to Animals, Stole Right and
Left, and Also Cheated at
Pool.

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)
New York, May 25.—Dr. Arthur
Warren Waite, on trial here for the
murder of his father-in-law, John E.
Peck, took the witness stand in his
own behalf late today and bared the
sordid secrets of his life in an effort
to save himself from the electric
chair. Earlier in the day his counsel
had stated he would prove the self-
confessed poisoner of his wife's par-
ents was insane at the time the crime
charged against him was committed.

The prisoner's story was devoted
largely to admissions of a series of
thefts from time he was a boy until
he pilfered \$10 from the purse of the
mother of the girl he married while
he was still courting. He told also of
his wooing of his wife who sat not far
from him in the court room with head
bowed while he testified. The young
dentist was preceded on the witness
stand by his father, Warren W. Waite,
and his brothers, Frank and Clyde. The
father told of a taint of insanity in his
family. All three related incidents in
the defendant's life designed to show
that he was peculiar even as a boy
and that his thievery always was a
problem for the family.

Old Friends Testify.

The testimony of relatives was sup-
plemented by the depositions of fam-
ily friends and college class mates of
Waite, who told of his thefts and pecu-
liarities. Walter R. Deuel, counsel
for the defense, in his examination of
witnesses and by the depositions
sought to show that Waite was men-
tally unsound.